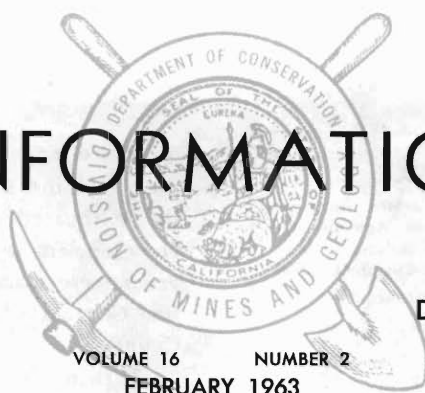


● MINERAL INFORMATION SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



DIVISION OF MINES AND GEOLOGY

VOLUME 16

NUMBER 2

FEBRUARY 1963

HIGHLIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA MINING, 1962

by Fenelon F. Davis

The total value of mineral production in California for 1962 has been estimated at \$1,425,000,000 according to a canvass recently completed by the U.S. Bureau of Mines in cooperation with the California Division of Mines and Geology. This is an increase of less than 1 percent from the figure of \$1,420,000,000 reported for 1961. The value of metals produced dropped 4 percent owing chiefly to a decline in iron ore production. The value of industrial minerals increased slightly owing to estimated increases in the value of borates,

cement, clays, sand and gravel. The value of fuels increased slightly owing chiefly to an increase in the quantity and value of natural gas produced during the year.

Fuels

Success crowned the efforts of many exploration companies who intensified their search for natural gas in northern California in 1962. Although the search for gas centered in the Sacramento Valley and in the northern

View northward of 125-foot portable drilling rig in the main area of the Sutter Buttes gas field, Sutter County. The periphery of Sutter Buttes was the scene of active exploration and development for natural gas during 1961-62. Photo by Ed Kiessling.

